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The Food and Drug Administration
Dept. of Health and Human Services, Rm 1-23
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Re: 99P-1340/CP 1
Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, The Environmental Health Network submitted a petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing to declare my strong support of this petition. Your regulations require all ingredients in a cosmetic product to be tested for safety. Ingredients or products whose safety has not been substantiated are required to carry a label of warning. "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety has not been determined.

I have read that the FDA's own testing found toluene in many fragrance products. Since toluene is one of the chemicals that has recently been in the news as causing damage and death to children from "huffing," I think this is shocking. It is also shocking that the public uses these products ignorant of their toxic ingredients, lured by such statements as "created by nature, captured by Glade." The news also covered the death of a young boy from "huffing" air freshener. Many of the chemicals in fragrances are labeled neurotoxic and worse by the EPA.

These products are now ubiquitous in all our lives, and their harmful chemical ingredients effect the health of many people including people with asthma, chemical sensitivities, allergies and other problems. Like second hand smoke, people wearing fragrances invade the spaces of those around them with unwanted exposures. I have late stage Lyme disease which has caused me to develop allergies and reactions to fragrances. I get dizzy, spacey, shaky, headaches, and my legs give out from under me when I am around these products. This has forced me to isolate myself from people wearing and using these products and the places they frequent. Since a survey by the National Academy of Sciences found that 15% of the general population says they have some chemical sensitivities, I am far from alone.

It is your job to regulate these products and protect the public from exposure to unsafe products. I request that you do your duty and start regulating chemical fragrance products of all kinds, including those in perfumes, personal care products, laundry soaps, fabric softeners, and "Eternity eau de parfum."

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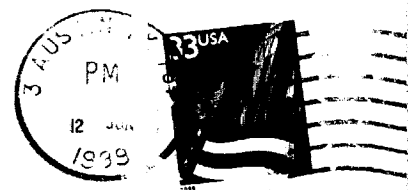
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